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Bear Secretary VanBrakle:

It has been brought to my attention that the UPS has filed for an exemption from the prohibition on Non-vessel Operating Common Carriers (NVOCCs) from entering into confidential contracts with their customers. According to the UPS their operational characteristics and recent developments within the ocean shipping marketplace, the antiquated regulatory scheme governing NVOCCs should be revised.

Please give the UPS's Petition P3-03 all consideration under the guidelines of the Federal Maritime Commission. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Tracie Holmberg in my district office at 631-951-2210.

Sincerely,

STEVE ISRAEL  
Member of Congress

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